

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UPON
ENTRY INTO NATIONAL STAGE

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AMENDMENTS TO DESCRIPTION

Page 15, lines 23 through 27:

While the belts 810 are depicted as being castellated timing belts, in an alternative embodiment of the invention, the belts may be made of a tape-like fabric and have adhesive on a surface upon which the slivers 630 are received. Further, the belts may be made of Mylar mylar. This would allow lengths of assembled belts of slivers to be readily manufactured and cut to length or provided in predetermined lengths.

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The array of slivers is transferred using vacuum, or other well known know engagement mechanisms, from the second pair of belts to the substrate having adhesive material applied to a surface of the substrate and bringing a face of each sliver into contact with a portion of the adhesive material. Preferably, the adhesive is optical adhesive and may be stamped on the substrate in strips. Each sliver is released by ceasing the vacuum to provide the array of slivers located in situ on the substrate and adhering to the substrate.

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